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Regiment and Pipes.  
By kind permission of Col. C.S. GORDON and  
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BRITISH ARMY QUADRILLES.

SEATS may be booked at W. ROBINSON'S  
Music Room, Queen's Road.

Admission, 5s. Reserved Seats, 1s. 6d.

SAM MARKS,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (16)

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions  
from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER  
to Sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION

ON

WEDNESDAY, the 20th January, 1897.

AT NOON,

at H. M. NAVAL YARD.

SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALING  
CONDENSED STORES,

Comprising—

OLD IRON, PAPER STUFF, RAGS,  
CANVAS, CLOTHING, IMPLEMENTS, &c.BRASS BOILERS and CONDENSER  
TUBES.

BRASS and COPPER SHEATHING.

AND A SMALL QUANTITY OF  
WASTE PAPER.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (13)



## VICTORIA FRECEPTORY AND PRIORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA  
FRECEPTORY and PRIORY will be  
held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street,  
on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at 8.30 for 9  
p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially  
invited to attend.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (14)

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

## "MARQUIS BACQUEHEM"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be  
sent in to the Underwriter before Noon on the  
20th instant, or they will not be recognised.No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any  
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 20th  
instant will be subject to rent.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
SANDER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (19)

## NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "FRINZ HEINRICH."

THE above named Steamer having arrived,  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed  
that their Goods, with the exception of Opium,  
Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and  
stored at their risk into the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery  
may be obtained.Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject  
to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at 3  
P.M.All Claims must reach us before the 20th  
instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (18)

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PYRRHUS,"

Captain Ball, will be despatched as above TO-

MORROW, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (20)

## NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## NOTICE

STEAM TO

YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN,"

Captain Harnsowitz, will leave for the above

ports TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (36)

## NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## NOTICE

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FRINZ HEINRICH,"

Captain O. Coppers, will leave for the above

place on FRIDAY, the 15th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (36)

## THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG,  
VIA STRAITS AND ALL PORTS OF  
CALL.(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW,  
LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS,  
RIVER PLATE, &c.)  
(Revised Rates.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PAKLING,"

H. L. Allen, Commander, will be despatched as

above on FRIDAY, the 15th instant, at 4 P.M.,

instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight, &amp;c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (70)

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Captain-Innes, will be despatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. (137)

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

## AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

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made under the constant supervision of a duly  
qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison  
with the best English Manufactures.Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and  
other Large Consumers.Any complaints should be addressed to the  
Manager.

Hongkong, 13th Jan., 1897. (427)

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and will not refuse to publish any article which is honestly  
written, he does not in any way hold himself responsible for  
opinions thus expressed.

## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES  
AND  
SPIRITS.ALL these are selected by our London House,  
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood  
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-  
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the  
best goods at MODERATE PRICES.PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on  
Application.PORT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
once it should be ordered to be decanted at the  
DEPARTMENT before being sent out.SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are  
true Xeres Wines.CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest  
Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are not  
artificially made from raisins and comans,  
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be  
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being  
merely a question of age and vintage.WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brands  
in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKEY  
marked "E" is universally popular, and is  
procured by the best local connoisseurs to  
be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS  
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the  
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the  
Coast Ports.A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 13th September, 1896. (6)MARRIAGE.  
At St. Mark's Church, Batterworth, P.W.,  
Straits Settlements, on the 31st ultimo, by the  
Rev. H. C. Henham, Mr. ALLAN RENNIE, Super-  
intendent Engineer, Prye Dock, youngest son  
of the late Mr. Allan Rennie, Flax Merchant,  
Aberdeen, Scotland, to Miss E. A. CLARK,  
youngest daughter of the late Mr. James Elton  
Clarke, of Sir Tea Estate, Kangra Valley, India.DEATHS.  
At Maple Durham, Mount Elizabeth, Singapore,  
on the 6th inst., HAROLD ALEXANDER  
EDMOND, infant son of Alexander James and  
Evelyn Ross.At Eshbank, Tangle, Singapore, on the 7th  
instant, HANNAH WILLIAMS, the beloved wife  
of Robert Allan.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1897.

## THE WEST RIVER TRADE.

## SETTLEMENT OF THE TRANSIT PASS DIFFICULTY.

We have just received from the Colonial Secretary  
a copy of a Proclamation just issued by  
the Chinese Customs Authorities of Kwangsi  
province on the subject of trade under Transit  
Pass, or, as they call it, "Half Duty" certificates.It seems to be the direct outcome of the complaints  
and negotiations which came to a head  
in connection with Mr. John Andrew's expedition  
to Wuchow-fu. We give a short summary of its  
provisions and will publish it in full to-morrow.The Proclamation is based on a despatch  
from the Tung-shi Yamen, received by the  
Viceroy of the Two Kwang on the 7th November  
last, in consequence of certain complaints  
put forward by Sir Claude MacDonald under  
date the 29th October.Sir Claude MacDonald had complained that  
the proclamations issued in Wuchow-fu in  
consequence of his previous complaints were  
not explicit enough and had requested  
that a fresh proclamation should be issued setting  
forth the provisions of the Treaties in full and  
clearing up the following points:—First, that  
nowhere and nowhere is foreign produce covered  
by a transit pass to be charged with any tax  
to which in the absence of a transit pass it  
would have been subject; and, secondly, that  
such goods when separated (by sale to Chinese)  
from the pass should in no case be sub-  
ject to any charges of any kind or be in  
any way differently treated from other goods  
of the same kind that had travelled with-  
out transit pass and had paid the ordinary  
taxes. Sir Claude MacDonald complained that  
although in June last the Tung-shi Yamen had  
assented to these propositions, the provincial  
authorities of the Two Kwang had failed to give  
effect to them or proclaim them, and he requested  
the issue by the Viceroy of a proclamation in  
which the above terms should be clearly and  
fully set forth, intimating that a proclamation in  
general terms would not be acceptable.The Proclamation then sets forth the 7th  
clause of the Treaty of Commerce between the  
Tientsin and the Viceroy's instructions to the  
authorities in Kwangsi to take action in the  
premises and issue suitable proclamations. It  
is then proclaimed:—

"Be it therefore known to you merchants and  
the general public that all persons importing  
foreign produce into the province of Kwang-si  
under half duty certificates have already paid  
half barrier duty at the rate of 2½ per cent.  
This payment takes the place of the duties ordi-  
narily payable in transit, and every Customs-  
house and barrier on route shall, after examina-  
tion, allow the goods to pass without levying any  
further charges whatsoever thereon. Moreover,  
when the goods have passed to be under the  
protection of the pass, such goods are, under the  
lekin regulations, entitled to the same treatment  
as produce of a similar nature which has paid  
lekin in route, and are not to be discriminated  
against. Should, however, goods of a similar  
nature, which have paid lekin in transit be  
liable to further charges in respect of Tax  
Ku (i.e. Octroi Duty) and Mott Leikin  
(i.e. Destination Duty), then certified goods  
after they have been separated from their cover-  
ing pass, are likewise liable for these—such duty  
to be collected from the purchaser. But in the  
event of goods of a similar nature, which have  
paid lekin in transit, not being subject to charges  
in respect of Tax-ku or Mott Leikin, then in  
like manner no such charge shall be collected  
from the purchaser of certified goods.  
Thereby will uniformity of treatment be secured.  
For the future, therefore, you merchants and the  
general public may, in accordance with Treaty,  
traffic freely with any merchant, be he Chinese  
or foreign, who under a half duty certificate  
imports foreign goods into the Province of  
Kwangsi.

"There is no necessity for you to labour under  
any apprehension."

## TELEGRAMS.

## REUTER'S MESSAGES.

## INDIAN FINANCE.

Tenders are invited up to the 19th instant for  
Indian Bill of Exchange, payable in three, six,  
or twelve months.THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.  
The Cuban insurgents are demoralized and  
their munitions exhausted.(From Rangoon Times.)  
CALCUTTA RACES.  
There was excellent racing and a large attend-  
ance at the first meeting to-day. The result of  
the two principal events on the first day's pro-  
gramme were—THE TRIAL STAKES.  
The stakes amount to Rs. 3,000 and the  
course is the regulation mile.Mr. Gale's b (A) g COURAGE, aged..... 1  
Mr. E. L. F. De Souza's ch (A) g JACK  
OLANTRON 2Messrs. A. and E. Ezra's b (A) g IDOLATOR 3  
These horses are all entered in the Viceroy's  
Cup.INTERNATIONAL PONY STAKES.  
In the International Pony Stakes of 5,000  
rupees, the placed ponies were—  
Eider 1, Fether 2, and Daisy Ridley 3.THE VICEROY'S CUP.  
CALCUTTA, January 12th.  
THE VICEROY'S CUP—A capital 500 pre-  
sented by the Viceroy and repeated 8,000 from the  
Races Fund added to a starting capital of Rs. 100;  
the second to receive Rs. 1,500 and the third  
Rs. 800, 100, 100.The Viceroy's Cup this year was run in the  
presence of the biggest crowd ever seen on the  
Calcutta course. Forerunners got away very  
badly and refused to do his best, and Idolator  
was nearly run over the rails and badly hurt.  
Result:—Mah. of Patalia's b o g SPRINTING, 6 yrs. 9-0  
Gibbs 1  
Mr. Gale's b (A) g COURAGE, aged, 8-4,  
Trahan 2Mr. E. L. F. Souza's ch (A) g JACK OLAN-  
TRON, 6 yrs. 9-0 ..... Southall 3  
Won easily by a couple of lengths. Time,  
3 min. 2½ sec.THE INDIAN COTTON CROP.  
CALCUTTA, December 24th.  
A third general Memorandum just issued on  
the cotton crop contains the following remarks:—  
There has been no improvement in the condi-  
tion of the cotton crops as reported in the second  
Memorandum issued on the 10th of October. In  
many places the area sown was larger than usual,  
favourable rainfall at sowing time, and the  
season continued fairly good until August; in  
the first half of that month the fall of rain was  
scanty and with the second half rain practically  
ceased entirely, the monsoon winds withdrawing  
prematurely. These conditions were everywhere  
most injurious to the crop; the soil dried quickly  
under the influence of the abnormally dry, hot  
wind and where plants had not withered they  
grew up weak, stunted, and failed to set their  
pods. The failure is most marked in Central,  
Western and Southern India and these regions  
contain much the largest area under cotton; the  
conditions in Northern and Eastern India are  
also bad, but apparently not quite so  
unfavourable as in other parts of the  
country. There can be little doubt that  
the crop in the Native States of Rajputana,  
Central India, and other places, where no  
reports are received, is in no better case than in  
the adjacent regions from which we have infor-  
mation. It may be observed the prospects have  
been somewhat improved for late sown crop in  
Madras and parts of Bombay by rain in  
November.THE RUSSO-CHINESE RAILWAY.  
CHONGKING, December 28th.  
The Times correspondent at St. Petersburg  
states the conditions of the Russo-Chinese Rail-  
way Syndicate make the Russian Finance  
Minister compile master of the enterprise, all  
appointments requiring his approval. The  
Syndicate's concession includes commercial and  
industrial enterprises.The capital of the Russo-Chinese Railway  
Syndicate, incorporated by Imperial Ukase, has  
been largely over-subscribed at St. Petersburg.THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.  
BOMBAY, December 28th.  
There have been 2,000 cases and 1,400 deaths  
in all from the bubonic plague. The week's  
mortality from all diseases was 1,100. Previous  
records are eclipsed. The epidemic is continuing.  
The plague is increasing; it has advanced to the  
suburbs and is spreading. The Press strongly  
advocates with regard to the plague and of the  
Corporation and on the revocation of segregation  
pressure on account of the sanctity of caste, and  
warns the authorities of the possibility of intro-  
ducing military discipline, which was the experi-  
ence in Hongkong, unless steps be taken to  
prevent it.CALCUTTA, December 31st.  
The epidemic continues from Bombay at the  
rate of about 2,000 a day. House rent in the  
neighbouring districts has risen 10 per cent. and  
the greatest difficulty is experienced in finding  
domestic servants. All houses where cases  
occur are being marked, as was done in the  
plague in London.The plague is spreading at Kanchi.  
Kanchi is now officially declared a plague  
district. There is a great quietude from the  
place.

## TELEGRAMS.

The 22nd ulto. was observed in the Bombay  
churches as a day of intercession and prayer in  
connection with the present visitation of plague  
and the prevailing scarcity. Special services  
were held at some of the churches and pray-  
ers were kept throughout the day. The  
Cathedral was filled at a special service in the  
evening.

A petition is to be presented to the Corpora-  
tion, suggesting that they should engage three  
professional experts of the highest qualifications  
from Europe to investigate the plague and  
advise the Corporation as to the measures that  
may be considered necessary to abate and exting-  
uish the epidemic.

SOUTH AFRICA.  
LONDON, December 29th.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes has arrived at Port Elizabeth  
on his way to Cape Town and London, where  
he will attend the Commission of Enquiry into  
South African affairs. On landing at Port  
Elizabeth he received a most enthusiastic  
ovation, and speaking at a banquet in the evening  
said the average country can be permitted to  
remain independent in South Africa and the  
Cape must be the dominant power south of  
Nyasaland. His plan, he said, was to assimilate  
the native laws and peoples and set aside all  
questions of race. When he had satisfied the  
Commission he would return and do his best to  
develop Rhodesia jointly with the Colonies and  
States. In conclusion he urged the cultivation  
of the idea of a closer union of South African  
communities.

THE ARBITRATION TREATY.  
LONDON, December 30th.

It is expected that a general Arbitration Treaty  
between Great Britain and America will be  
signed this week.

OBITUARY.  
LONDON, December 30th.

The death is announced of Mr. Bertram  
Curie, the Banker.

A GERMAN IN THE TURKISH  
MINISTRY.  
LONDON, 31st December.

M. Bertram, a German official in the Turkish  
service, has been appointed Under Secretary of  
Finance. This is regarded as a good augury.

QUARANTINE AT TURKISH PORTS.  
Ten days' quarantine is imposed at Turkish  
ports on all arrivals from Kutch; also a  
rigorous disinfection.THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT NOT  
THANKED.  
LONDON, December 29th.

Mr. Naresajee M.P., president at a Conference of  
British Indians resident in Great Britain to con-  
sider a resolution thanking the Indian Govern-  
ment for its energy in combating the famine, and  
urging the adoption of measures to relieve the  
distress of the famine of India which was the  
chief cause of frequent famines. An amendment  
to omit thanks to the Government was adopted,  
and also a resolution calling on the Lord Mayor  
to open famine funds.

THE TURKISH COMEDY.  
ST. PETERSBURG, December 27th.

Russia has warned Turkey that if the added  
revenues are not paid to the projected financial  
reformers European control of Turkish finances  
will be inevitable.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 24th.

Mr. Naldoff has sent a Memorandum to the  
Sultan in which he warns him of the necessity  
of following the counsel of the Powers, otherwise  
the sequel will be unpleasant.

The Porte, being anxious to forestall the pressure  
of Europe, announced various reforms, and  
also published for the first time, Budget  
statements showing a surplus of slightly over 200,000  
pounds, due to reductions in Military  
expenditure and increase of taxes.CHAMBERLAIN'S PET SCHEME.  
LONDON, December 26th.

All the Australian Premiers have accepted the  
proposal of New Zealand for a sovereign con-  
ference at Hobart in January, in accordance with  
Mr. Chamberlain's despatch of December, 1895.

INDIAN CONGRESS ON THE WAR-PATH.  
CALCUTTA, December 31st.

At the Indian Congress meeting Surochra  
Nath Banerjee strongly condemned the Viceroy's  
official views on the famine prospects, espe-  
cially in relation to the Central Provinces.  
The suggestion was warmly approved; that the  
Chairman be empowered to telegraph to the  
Secretary of State and request the Lord Mayor  
to open a fund immediately.

EXCESSIVE TAXATION.  
LONDON, December 29th.

A crowded and influential meeting was held  
in Dublin under the presidency of the Lord  
Mayor and comprising many Unionists. A  
resolution was unanimously adopted that the  
excessive burden of Imperial taxation was a  
serious national grievance demanding immediate  
redress.

THE RUSSIAN CURRENCY SCHEME.  
The Daily Telegraph publishes a St. Petersburg  
telegram stating the scheme of M. de  
Witte, ex gold currency has been shelved as  
the financial experts have reported on it  
adversely.(From Townsville Bulletin.)  
DEATH OF MACRO.  
LONDON, December 18th.

The Cuban insurgents assert that their leader  
Macro was not killed in open warfare, but  
was massacred whilst conferring with the Marquis  
Alameda, one of General Weyler's staff.

The insurgents also accuse Señor Zenteno,  
a physician who confirmed the news of Macro's  
death, of treachery. It is alleged that the doctor  
was the only person attached to Macro's staff  
who escaped, the remainder of the party



We find it stated in an Australian Press despatch that on the 9th ultimo *Morning* came out with the following sensational announcement:— "Arthur Kiteon will bring an action against Sir James Kiteon, M.P., and others of the family, to set aside his father's will (involving £1,000,000) on the ground of insanity and undue influence." It was Arthur Kiteon who some time since obtained £12,000 damages against Dr. James Playfair for slander in imputing information to his wife regarding Mrs. Kiteon that he had obtained in a professional capacity. As the parties to this new "will case" are wealthy, it is to be assumed only the best counsel will be employed and that the result of the litigation will be a ruling that will serve as a useful precedent for the settlement of disputes connected with wills and bequests.

REFERRING to the famous Cassini Convention the *Globe* asks:—Are we going to "take it lying down" or are we going to give the Russian Government clearly to understand that the political map of the Far East is not to be altered at her own sweet will, without the slightest regard for British rights or interests. If such a coup was attempted in the Near East we know what the Government would say, for public opinion would tell them. But, because the Liaotung peninsula is 200 miles away there is a tendency to let matters go on in that region as if it was no great concern of ours. We have no desire to quarrel with Russia, but to put the matter quite plainly, if she cuts a large slice from the Chinese cake for herself she must understand that before she eats it we must have a substantial *quid pro quo* for our acquiescence in the seizure.

AT the recent meeting of the American Library Association, Mr. John Cotton Dana, librarian of the Public Library of Denver, spoke upon the evils of the public library system, saying that it relieved the idle, the incompetent, and the indolent reader from the necessity of the desire to have books—of going to work to earn them. It is evident that the abuses of free public libraries have led to much searching of heart among their chief officers. They are feeling, as the teachers of the public schools also feel, that they cannot take the place of the parent who abdicates from one of the primary responsibilities of parenthood. A child whose father and mother hand over its mental and moral culture to the teacher and the librarian virtually becomes an orphan. Neither public school nor public library can do its duty towards its pupils and readers without the hearty and intelligent co-operation of parents.—*Scientific American*.

## A BLUEJACKET'S DEATH.

CORONER'S INQUIRY.

An inquest was opened yesterday by Captain Hastings, touching the death of a sailor named Wals from H.L.G.M.S. *Arcton*. The man was locked up on the 10th inst. for being drunk at Happy Valley and subsequently died at the Naval Hospital.

The jurymen Messrs. F. W. Mear, J. M. Nilsen, and E. M. de Graat, of the Naval Hospital, said he, Dr. Stedman had made a post mortem of the deceased, who died on the morning of the 12th inst. Whence suspected that the man was in a state of drunken coma, on the previous night, but the stomach pump when applied produced negative results. He never regained consciousness. The cause of death was pressure on the brain by hemorrhage. The jury may have been caused by excessive drinking on the top of his head, but it was more likely to have been caused by a blow from a blunt instrument, such as a heavy stick. It was possible, but not probable, that a man's fist caused the injury. The wound was close to the top of the head, a little on the left side.

Dr. Stedman corroborated and thought the blow on the head was not a heavy one. A German glider living at Wild Dell deposed to the deceased and some shipmates visiting him on the night of the 10th inst. They squabbled and the "Happy Valley" deposed I was struck with a cane on the head and body. The inquest was adjourned till this afternoon.

On returning to-day, the glider Meick (recalled) and a German watchmaker named Kilmer were examined. Their evidence was to the effect that deceased had been fighting with a shipmate named Mellers. After the fight deceased disappeared at the corner of Wanchai Gap. A search was made, but only his cap was found. The witnesses saw that Mellers' hand was cut and had fresh blood on it. They did not see the blow struck by Mellers with a stick.

His Worship briefly reviewed the evidence and the jury returned a verdict that the cause of death was pressure on the brain from hemorrhage, the result of a blow given by one Mellers, a seaman on H.L.G.M.S. *Arcton*, with a stick. A coroner's warrant was ordered to issue on a charge of manslaughter.

## FIRE ON THE "FAUSANG."

The steamer *Fausang* (Captain N. Moncrie) of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, was the scene of a fire last night that probably damaged a good deal of cargo. She had completed loading for Kobe, and shortly after, at about 11 p.m., the alarm of fire was given, smoke being seen issuing from No. 1 hatch. The cargo below consisted of mixed merchandise, mostly cotton and rice, and it smoldered obstinately, despite the most strenuous exertions of the captain, officers, engineers and crew, who pumped plenty of water into the hold. The fire brigade was called, meanwhile, and promptly arrived with Captain May in command. The brigade's engine soon got to work and played steadily on the smoldering mass until daylight, the ship's hoses also sending strong jets of steam into the hold. By this time the outbreak was subdued and all danger was over. Considering the nature of the fire it was fortunate that energetic measures were so quickly taken. The ship herself has escaped injury, and the iron decks were quite hot to-day through the steam that was being pumped into the hold as a precautionary measure. This afternoon the hatches, which had been closed after the pumping ceased, were opened to allow of access to the coal and to get the damaged goods out. Sergeant Melver was in charge of a party of firemen on board to-day after Captain May left.

It may here be mentioned that, although fire aboard ship is not common in our harbor, it would be a good idea to have a "smoke jacket" among the equipment of our Fire Brigade, such as is used in London, Sydney and other big ports. With such an appliance a man could be lowered into a ship's hold and the flames smothered and so work as to prevent what otherwise might prove a very serious loss. The possible necessity for such a device is indicated in the appearance of every well-equipped fireman.

## THE ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

The following is the annual report of the Odd Volumes Society for 1896-97:—

The Council have much pleasure in presenting you with the fourth annual report, which they trust will be considered satisfactory.

The following meetings were held during the season:—

22nd November.—Annual General Meeting, followed by a Concert, at the Hongkong Hotel, 1896.

6th March.—An Address by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., on the subject of the Navy League.

20th March.—A Lecture by Mr. W. C. Barlow, M.A., on "Chinese Chess," with illustrations.

10th April.—A Lecture by Mr. W. E. Crow on "Criminal Poisoning in Hongkong," followed by a discussion.

17th April.—A Paper by Mr. H. E. Pollock on "The Younger Pitt."

17th April.—An Address by His Excellency the Governor, upon "Irish Wit and Humour and American and other comparisons thereof."

8th May.—A Paper by Mr. Granville Sharp upon "Impartialism and the British Empire," followed by a discussion.

20th May.—Lecture by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., on Captain Mahan's book "The Influence of Sea Power upon History."

The Council tender their best thanks to those gentlemen who so ably assisted at the various meetings during the past season.

The Society has sustained a serious loss in the departure from this Colony in February last of its principal founder, Dr. James Cantle, whose name will all be remembered in connection with the Odd Volumes.

A new Council will require to be elected at the annual general meeting which will be held in the office of the undersigned, 15, Bank Buildings, first floor, on Monday, the 18th January, at 4 p.m., the accounts, which are set out opposite, will be presented at the same meeting, with a view to their being passed.

A programme for the coming season will shortly be issued. Any member of the Society, who is willing to deliver a lecture or know of any person who is willing to deliver a lecture, is requested to kindly communicate with the undersigned.

HENRY E. POLLOCK, Acting Hon. Secretary.

The statement of account with the Hon. Treasurer attached to the report shows that there is a balance to the credit of the Society of \$304.32.

## WHO WAS HE?

In a recent issue of the *Singapore Free Press* there is published the following small little bit of verse. It would seem that the gallant Sub-Left in question made no end of a mistake and ere this he has had some warm chaffing from his comrades:—

## THE LACK OF INTUITION.

"He didn't seem to realize who I was."—G. A. It would rille, without exception, almost any man on earth.

To discover doubts are cast upon his own intrinsic worth.

And, especially, if talent be conspicuous by its dearth.

The position then becomes more galling far. You may be a First-Class Amateur at any sort of fun.

But, if when on board a flagship, you would lecture on a gun.

An officer is there in charge, first met that he is.

Who can realize completely, "Who you are."

This happened just quite recently, two Saturdays ago.

When aboard that bulwark of our shores, the bold *Cinderella*.

An amateur artillerist got badly set upon.

He, in point of fact, received a nasty jar.

He "chipped in" on a subject just a trifle out of reach.

For he posed as being willing, and quite capable, to teach.

A "pro" and all and sundry, all about a big gun's breach.

But the "juff" did not quite tumble "Who he is."

His surprise was manifested, very plainly I am told.

Had the Sub-Lieutenant known him (or his name), for all the gold.

That glides the Chatterbox, I don't believe he would have said.

Mr. G. M. R. Austin about without his Ma.

And the Amateur is troubled, for he's always been inclined.

To imagine, on this earth of His, he'd never never find.

A man in any walk of life who'd have so little mind.

As to really have no notion "Who He is."

## SPORTS &amp; PASTIMES.

## HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

This competition, which commenced on the 8th inst., was completed yesterday. The weather during the three first days was all that could be desired, but on the fourth day heavy rain fell and practically put a stop to further play, though two venturesome veterans of the game essayed to brave the elements, with the result that they had to give in and not content with being drenched, scoring was not good, save in the case of the winner, who returned a steadily played card, thus taking the "Cup" and "Optional Sweep" and also winning the "Colonel" a dead heat. The entries were fairly up to an average. Results are given below:—

MACEWEN CUT AND SWEEPSTAKES.	
Mr. H. Plockney	92 14 77
Major Grant Dalton	95 11 85
Mr. V. A. C. Hawkins	97 8 80
Mr. E. W. F. Playfair	107 18 89
Mr. G. M. R. Austin	107 18 89
Mr. W. W. Robertson	104 19 89
Mr. H. L. Dalrymple	100 9 92
Mr. A. F. R. Green	106 12 94
* Wise the Sweep.	
20 entries for the Cup and 20 entries for the Sweepstakes.	
POOL.	
Mr. G. M. T. Thomson	92 8 84
Major Grant Dalton	95 11 85
Capt. Crispin R.M.L.	105 18 87
Mr. H. W. Robertson	98 8 88
Mr. C. W. May	98 8 88
Mr. A. F. R. Green	106 12 94
Mr. W. Taylor	105 12 94
Mr. H. L. Dalrymple	104 9 95
14 entries.	
BOULEY.	
Mr. H. Plockney	(14)—all square.
Mr. F. J. Badley	(12)—1 down.
Mr. W. Taylor	(21)—" "
Capt. Thomson R.M.L.	(18)—" "
Mr. G. M. R. Austin	(16)—" "
Major Grant Dalton	(15)—" "
Mr. V. A. C. Hawkins	(9)—" "
Mr. E. W. F. Playfair	(10)—" "
Mr. H. W. Robertson	(15)—" "
Mr. A. F. R. Green	(12)—" "
Mr. G. W. F. Playfair	(12)—" "
Mr. C. W. May	(12)—" "
Mr. H. L. Dalrymple	(12)—" "
21 entries.	

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, December 17th.

An earthquake occurred this morning at Leobury in Hertfordshire. The houses rocked, and the inhabitants fled into the streets. Hereford Cathedral was damaged. One woman died from fright.

Later.—At 5 o'clock this morning the earthquake occurred, and its effects extended from Cardigan to the Thames Valley. It was severely felt in Cheshire, Lancashire, and at Ross in Herefordshire, but at some of these places was very serious damage done. The earthquake shook in some places lasted fully a minute and a half. They were severest at Birmingham, Worcester, and in Shropshire. The earthquake was preceded by a rumbling noise like a hurricane. Workmen at Dinsley were thrown to the ground. The shock was felt slightly in the vicinity of London.

December 18th.

The earthquake was most severe in Wales and the West Midlands. It reached Durham and Lancashire. More than 2,000 towns and villages were affected by it. The tower of Windsor Castle rocked.

December 20th.

The residence of Mr. Rhodes at Capetown has been gutted by fire. It is believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

MM. Goudard and Simon, the French strikers, are about, under the auspices of the French Press, to attempt to reach the North Pole by means of a balloon.

The Baroness Leonora Rothschild was taking part in a stag hunt at Chateau when she was thrown from her horse. She was pitched against a tree and killed instantly.

The Toronto Naval League has decided to petition Great Britain to protect the trade routes, and suggests that the cruisers engaged in the work shall be partly manned by colonists.

SECUNDERABAD, December 29th.

Mr. Templeton was yesterday charged before Mr. Williams, First Assistant Resident Magistrate, with having on or about the 15th December, with intent to cause a miscarriage, done such acts as to cause the death of Mrs. Marian Edith Whitaker or in the alternate abetted such acts. [Medical evidence of a sensational character was then given by Lieut.-Col. Lawrie, Resident Surgeon, and Surgeon-Capt. Hehl.] Mr. Crawford applied for the remand of Mr. Templeton till after the Christmas vacation, and the Court allowed the accused to be released on bail of Rs. 100, and adjourned the case till to-morrow.

LONDON, December 24th.

France has resolved to reorganize her Artillery and introduce new field guns. Germany, therefore, also proposes a similar measure.

It is officially announced at Lisbon that the Portuguese Governor of Lorena Marquez will visit the German Consul who will return the call. After this the Portuguese warships will salute the German ships, which will return the salute, thus settling the difficulty with Portugal in that quarter.

December 25th.

It is stated that Mr. Chamberlain will, early in the season, make a statement regarding the part the Colonies are likely to take in the celebration of the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign; it is reported Mr. Chamberlain has been consulting the Colonial Cabinet and that an important understanding has been reached.

The Sultan of Turkey has renounced fifty thousand pounds of his share in the Civil List. Count Schouvaloff has been relieved of the Governorship of Warsaw owing to a breakdown in his health.

Central Government Committees are to be formed at St. Petersburg and Moscow to receive funds on behalf of the Indian famine.

CALCUTTA, December 26th.

Last week's crop reports show that rain is still urgently wanted, save in the Central, Southern and the West Coast districts of Madras, where the crops are suffering from excessive moisture. The number on relief works in other parts of India has risen and is now over half a million.

LONDON, December 26th.

The latest advice from the Cape states the revolt at Tanga has assumed a serious aspect. The Volunteers attacked and captured the strong positions taken up by the natives, who fled to the hills; two Colonial officers were seriously wounded in the engagement. Volunteers now await reinforcement before pursuing the rebels to the hills. The Cape Town Volunteers are called out for service. It is reported whites are directing the rebels.

CAPE TOWN, December 27th.

The native position at Rorwani has been captured after sharp fighting; numbers of Kaffirs were killed; no casualties on the British side. The advance of the Cape Town Volunteers has been countermanded.

Colonels Grey and H. White, leaders in the Jameson raid, have been released from jail on the expiration of sentence.

LONDON, December 28th.

The *Times*, in a special article on Indian affairs, dwells on the bitterness which has been excited amongst Indian Muslims by the insulting names applied in Great Britain to the Sultan of Turkey. The article states the conversion of a great power, and loyal community into angry malcontents is viewed with concern by those anxious for the welfare of India.

CAIRO, December 28th.

In the Egyptian Council the Ministers sanctioned an increase in the Native Court of Appeal by three European Judges, two of whom are English and the third probably Belgian, thus assuring a majority on important matters.

CALCUTTA, December 28th.

Sir John Lambert, Commissioner of Police, while driving with his daughter last evening, had a heavy fall from his gig through the horse crossing his legs; both occupants of the trap were bruised and shaken.

The Right Honorable Arnold Morley, M.P., left yesterday for Rangon and Mandalay.

News from Taberan states that three English bicyclists had arrived there just before Christmas week and proposed coming to India along the Baluchistan coast if the country is safe. These are probably Messrs. Fraser, Lunn and Lowe, whose interesting letters, "Cycling Round the World," are appearing in the home papers.

Capt. Stewart is appointed Assistant Resident at Kathmandu, vice Capt. O. Devanah (French), who is granted leave.

DOWRY (India), December 29th.

The best portion of Dowry was burnt down yesterday at 2 p.m. Houses and property worth thirty thousand rupees are entirely lost.

LONDON, December 24th.

General Billot, the French Minister for War, proposes to increase the strength of the French army by the addition of a battalion to each of the 145 regiments of Infantry.—The French War authorities have decided to introduce a quick-firing gun of a pattern designed by Mr. Chet for use as artillery. It is considered that the introduction of this weapon into the French army will compel Germany to also adopt improved artillery which will cost that nation at least £1,000,000.

## NOT A N D A.

## MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY, 13th January.

The Register of Shares of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 21st inst., inclusive.

The Register of Shares of the H.K. Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 21st inst., inclusive.

TO-MORROW, 14th January.

Australian mail due.

11 a.m.—English Mail closes.

Noon.—Gauger sails for London.

4.15 p.m.—Meeting of the Sanitary Board.

FRIDAY, 15th January.

8.30 p.m.—Dance at Naval Yard.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Chapter.

SATURDAY, 16th January.

American mail due.

Noon.—Doric leaves for San Francisco, via usual ports of call.

2 p.m.—London College of Music examination at City Hall.

5 p.m.—Entries for the Hongkong Race Meeting close to the Clerk of the Course, at the Club.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

9.15 p.m.—Smoking Concert at the City Hall.

SUNDAY, 17th January.

The Transfer Books of the H.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 30th inst., inclusive.

## CALENDAR.

TO-DAY,

WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1897.

Chinese—11th of 12th moon of 22nd year of Wushih—10th Sebat, 1897. [Kwoeg-ai.]

Mohammedan—9th Shaaban, 1314.

TIMES (Hongkong).

High water—Morning ..... 4hr. 30min.

Low water—Morning ..... 4hr. 30min.

High water—Afternoon ..... 4hr. 30min.

Low water—Afternoon ..... 4hr. 30min.

Sun—Rises ..... 6hr. 45min.

Sets ..... 5hr. 33min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1846—Klying, Viceroy of Kwang-tung and Kwang-shi, issued a proclamation instituting the intention of opening up Canton according to the Treaty.

1896—Commemoration appointed by the President of the United States for the settlement of the Venezuela Boundary dispute.

TO-MORROW,

THURSDAY, 14th January, 1897.

Chinese—12th of 12th moon of 22nd year of Wushih—11th Sebat, 1897. [Kwoeg-ai.]

Mohammedan—10th Shaaban, 1314.

METEOROLOGICAL MEANS FOR JANUARY. [Based on the years' observations to 1896.]

Barometer ..... 30.15

Thermometer ..... 59.00

Humidity ..... 74.00

Rainfall ..... 1.00

TIMES (Hongkong).

High water—Afternoon ..... 5hr. 6min.

Low water—Morning ..... 5hr. 34min.

No inferior high nor low water.

Sun—Rises ..... 6hr. 45min.

Sets ..... 5hr. 33min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1871—Secretary of the American Legation married at Tokio.

1894—Duke of Clarence died.

Cardinal Manning died.

1896—Armed gang robbery at Quarry Bay.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILED DUE:

Australian (China) to-morrow.

American (China) 16th inst.

Indian (Straits) 18th inst.

French ..... 19th inst.

Tacoma (Madras) 19th inst.

American (Belg) 20th inst.

English ..... 27th inst.

Canadian (Empress of India) 27th inst.

Tacoma (Brazil) 28th inst.

THE steamer *Altoria*, from Portland, Oregon, and Victoria, B.C., left Yokohama yesterday for this port.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Yamashiro* left Nagasaki this morning for this port, and may be expected here on the 16th inst.

SHIPPING RETURN.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Chiyong ..... steamer, from Shanghai

Patting ..... " " Japan

Yara Yang ..... " " Bangkok

Yara Yang ..... " " Bangkok

## NAVAL AFFAIRS.

Sooner or later France was bound to turn her attention to her Navy. The enormous sum of money readily voted for the purpose of increasing the British Navy must have taken away the breath of the French, although they might have, when they recovered themselves, remanded the British Government to spend all those millions. But France was not allowed to remain in doubt for long. Shortly after the large sum was voted orders were issued for the construction of several leviathans of the deep and a number of smaller warships and the ship-building yards in Great Britain were soon busy in doing them out. Recently two battleships, a torpedo-boat, and a submarine, and within the past year several cruisers, torpedo-boats and torpedo-boat destroyers have been completed. Still the shipbuilding yards are turning out more and more and will be probably kept at it for the next five years and perhaps longer. All this must have great effect on the Continental Powers, especially France, who has to be a leading maritime power and to emulate the "Mistress of the Seas" herself. So we are told the French Ministry is now proposing an immediate reform in, and increase of, the Navy, involving an expense of two hundred million francs. Eight millions are to be taken from the Budget, but a great deal more than that amount must be spent if France hopes to emulate Great Britain as a Naval Power. It would, in fact, be practically impossible to catch up Great Britain. She has had too long a start, and there is no doubt that she will put on a speed every time a determined attempt is made to come up with her. Her ships, also, will be stronger and longer than those of any other country, for the facilities she has for rapidly increasing her Navy are scarcely equalled by the means possessed by all the Powers taken together. Now that France is about to increase her Navy the intention is sure to be on the Continent and we shall soon, perhaps, hear of Germany—the versatile Emperor will probably design some new warships himself—Russia, Austria, and even



## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

## THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
Captain J. G. Olliver, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 16th instant, at 3 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1897. [134]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TAIWAN, &c.)

## THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"  
Captain Helms, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at 9 A.M.  
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c. throughout the voyage. This Steamer is insulated throughout with the Electric Light.  
A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1897. [98]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

## THE Company's Steamship

"ORESTES,"  
Captain Palford, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 16th instant.  
For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1897. [128]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.  
(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"OMI MARU,"  
Captain C. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 15th instant, at Noon.  
This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation and is lighted by Electricity throughout. A duly qualified Doctor is carried.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1897. [103]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

To follow the S.S. *Aslow* and *Claverhill*.

THE Steamship

"MORVEN,"  
on or about the 15th January, 1897.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1896. [71]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

To follow the "POLYPHEMUS."

S.S. "PORT ADELAIDE," to sail about 30th January, 1897.

S.S. "ENERGIA," to sail about 14th February, 1897.

S.S. "STRATHLEVEN," to sail about 28th February, 1897.

S.S. "WARRACK," Steamer, to sail about 15th March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1896. [1765]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

HONGKONG-NAGASAKI LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, JINSEN AND NAGASAKI.

THE Company's Steamship

"SENDAI MARU,"  
Captain C. Olson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1897. [102]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURACHI, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS, to NALAI, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARQUIS CAQUHERRA,"  
Captain G. Costello, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 14th instant.  
Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.  
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to  
SANDER & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1897. [1928]

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.  
(Subject to Alteration.)

Mount Lebanon, Saturday, 16th January.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"MOUNT LEBANON,"  
will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 16th January.  
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in QUADRUPPLICATE; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.  
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1896. [73]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"  
Captain Innes, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 17th instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1897. [137]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"POLYPHEMUS,"  
Captain Goodwin, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 18th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1897. [1977]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG,"  
Captain Frampton, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 18th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1897. [128]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.  
(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"YAMASHIRO MARU,"  
Captain J. Jones, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at Noon.  
This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation and is lighted by Electricity throughout. A duly qualified Doctor is carried.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1896. [123]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

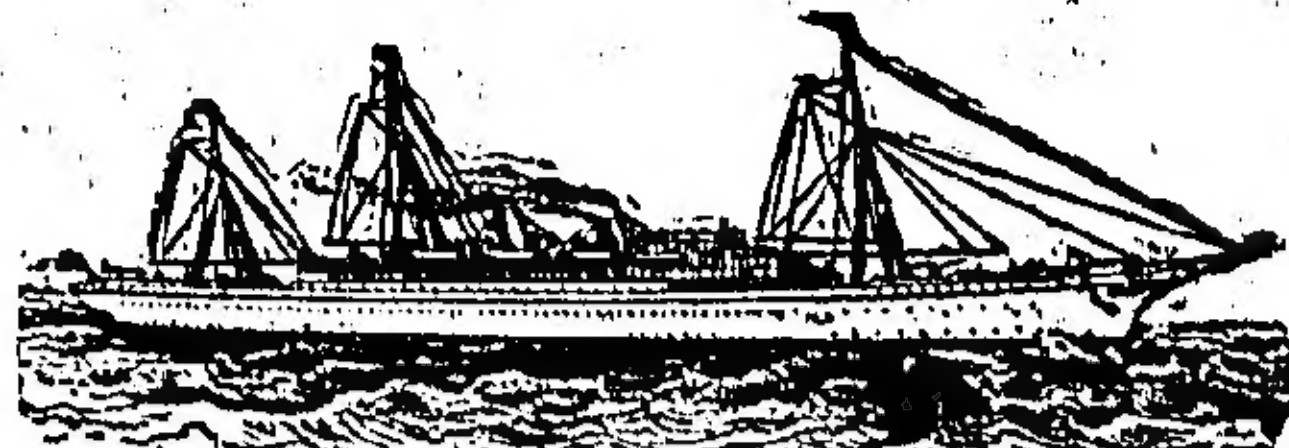
THE Company's Steamship

"MEDUSA,"  
Captain G. Wallack, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 19th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SANDER & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1897. [124]

## Mails.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE

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SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.  
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)  
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1897  
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th February, '97  
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th March.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896. [1]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 16th Jan., at Noon, 1897.  
Belge (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Thursday, 4th Feb., at Noon.  
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... Tuesday, 23rd Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC,"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1897, at Noon.  
Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1896.

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [139]

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Citrus (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... Tuesday, 25th Jan., at Noon.  
Firm (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 13th Feb., at Noon.  
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA,"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 20th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full and value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
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Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. [15]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Olympia ..... 2,608 | Tuesday ... | Jan. 19.  
Branford ..... 2,601 | Tuesday ... | Feb. 9.  
Tacoma ..... 2,540 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 2.  
Victoria ..... 2,167 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 23.  
Olympia ..... 2,608 | Tuesday ... | April 9.

THE Steamship

"OLYMPIA,"  
Captain J. Treadwell, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 19th January, will proceed to VICTORIA, (B.C.), and TACOMA, (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
General Agents,  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [14]

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

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N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich ..... Tuesday ... 2nd Feb.  
Prinzess ..... Tuesday ... 30th March.  
Sachsen ..... Tuesday ... 27th April.  
Prinz Heinrich ..... Tuesday ... 25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1897, at 2 P.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain Coppers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 30th Jan. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 1st Feb., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 1st Feb. Consular Invoices of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.10 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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For further Particulars, apply to  
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